

2003 Wisconsin Motorcyclist Fatalities Facts

Source: WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety [Updated 12-2-03]

GENERAL CRASH DATA (does *not* include 2 moped fatalities)

- 94 (94.0%) drivers killed
- 6 (6.0%) passengers killed
- 92 (92.0%) males killed
- 8 (8.0%) females killed
- 77 (77.0%) rural crashes
- 23 (23.0%) urban crashes
- 57 (57.0%) single unit crashes
- 43 (43.0%) multi-vehicle crashes [of which 27 (62.8% of all multi-vehicle crashes) were other vehicles reportedly hitting motorcycles or pulling in front of them].

FATALITIES BY MONTH (100 total killed)¹

January	1
February	0
March	1
April	11
May	17
June	20
July	13
August	19
September	8
October	9
November	1
December	0

FATALITIES BY AGE

- 39 (39.0%) of fatal motorcycle crash victims were age 45 or older

Ages 0-14	2	(2.0%)
15-24	20	(20.0%)
25-34	16	(16.0%)
35-44	23	(23.0%)
45-54	26	(26.0%)
55-64	10	(10.0%)
65-74	3	(3.0%)

¹ Two moped fatalities are not included in this total, or in other data charts on this fact sheet.

FATALITIES BY DRIVER LICENSE TYPE

(94 total motorcycle operators)

- 56 (59.6%) motorcycle operators had class “ M” licenses
- 14 (14.9%) motorcycle operators had class “ D” licenses
- 13 (13.8%) were from out of state
- 6 (6.4%) were revoked/suspended
- 2 (2.1%) had instructional permit
- 3 (3.2%) had no license

HELMET USE

- 75 (75.0%) were not wearing a helmet
- 25 (25.0%) were helmeted

ALCOHOL

- 34 (41.5%) of 82 tested involved alcohol by motorcyclist
 - 24 (29.3%) of those tested for alcohol were 0.10 or over
 - Of those tested after enactment of the 0.08 law on September 30, 2003, no one has tested 0.08 or above

[Alcohol test results for the rest are unknown]

ROAD / WEATHER CONDITIONS

- 91 (91.0%) of the fatal crashes occurred under dry pavement conditions
- Three (3.0%) occurred under wet pavement conditions

[Road conditions for the remaining six (6.0%) were unknown.]

- 71 (71.0%) of the fatal crashes occurred under clear weather conditions
- 21 (21.0%) were under cloudy conditions
- Two (2.0%) occurred in the rain

[Weather conditions for the remaining six (6.0%) were unknown.]

OTHER CRASH DATA

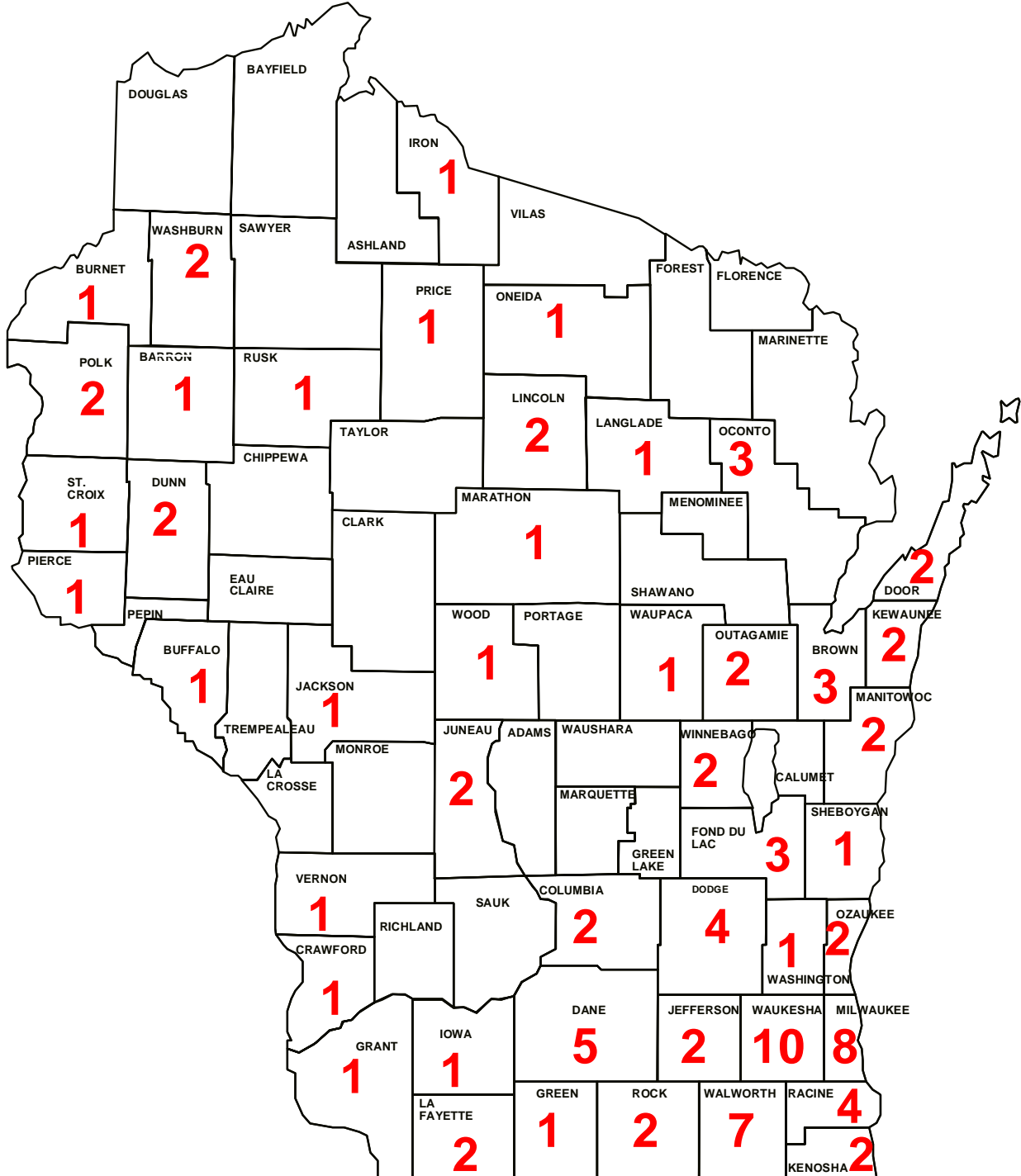
- Seven fatalities (7.0%) involved reported collisions with deer
- Two (2.0%) fatalities involved motorcycles hitting a farm implement or trailer.
- 84 coroner reports are available on contributing fatal injuries:
 - 54 fatal head injuries, 1 spinal cord, 9 broken necks, 1 massive trauma, 4 internal injuries, 15 multiple injuries, 11 chest

[For the remaining 16 motorcyclists, information is not available or unknown.]

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2003 MOTORCYCLIST FATALITIES BY COUNTY

Current as of 12/02/03



12/2/2003